

Today's Advertisements.

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THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 22nd and 23rd instant, the days appointed in this Colony for the Celebration of the SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the REIGN of Her Most Gracious Majesty THE QUEEN:—

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W. H. T. DAVIS,
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THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.,
Hongkong, 11th June, 1897. 1931

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H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 11th June, 1897. 193

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

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Hongkong, 11th June, 1897. 1928

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Hongkong, 11th June, 1897. 1937



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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. 13790

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. 1961

BIRTHS.

On the 4th May, at York-terrace, New Brompton, the wife of Captain P. de S. BASS, Royal Irish Regiment and Army Pay Department, of a son.

On the 5th May, at Glenageary, Kildare, the wife of Mr. W. M. S. BOWEN, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 6th May, at St. George's, Hanover-square, London, Captain W. A. MACBRYAN, Royal Artillery, son of Colonel Forbes Macbray, late 22nd Highlanders, Serjeant-at-Arms to the Queen, to MARGARET MACDONALD, daughter of the late Thomas Humphreys, Esq., and Mrs. Humphreys, of Clare House, East Mall, Kent, and Waterloo-crescent, Dover.

A COLLISION occurred in the Canton River on Tuesday between the steamer *Paris* and the launch *Loo Fat*, the result being that the latter vessel was sunk near Whampoa. It was the *Loo Fat* that ran down a police launch in Hongkong Harbour some months ago, when a *Loo Fat* was drowned. No lives were lost in Tuesday's accident.

We read in a Home paper that little doubt is entertained that the eight shallow-draught stern-wheel steamers now being hurried forward by Messrs Yarrow and Thornycroft are meant, in the first instance, for the next campaign in the Sudan, and that later on at least two will be sent to China to protect British subjects when necessary in those treaty ports on the Yangtze inaccessible to gunboats, and in the new ports to be opened on the West River. For the remaining vessels there is plenty of employment to be had both on the East and West Coast of Africa. They are to be ready in six months, and the total cost will not, it is said, exceed £100,000.

THE *Strait Times* states in its issue of 5th June that the appeal of the sugar planters in Java to the Government of the Netherlands Indies for relief from the export duty there, now that they are so hard pushed by beet growers, has only met with partial success. All that they have got is the concession that the export duty will be levied on the value of the article instead of on the quantity. The export duty on coffee has also been changed in the same way. The duties at present are 15 guilder cents per 100 kilograms on sugar, and one guilder per the like weight on coffee. The gift bears a suspicious appearance. It looks as if the Government expect a revenue loss from sugar by the change, but seek to make it good by raising the coffee tax.

GREAT activity is now being displayed all over the city in preparing for the Jubilee illuminations. The City Hall and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank are well-nigh ready for the placing in position of the lanterns. Similar preparations are being made at the new Victoria Hotel, the Queen's Road entrance to the Hongking Hotel, the Clock Tower, Post Office, Supreme Court and Central Markets. A number of arches are going up in various parts of the Western end of the city and many business houses are having gaudy designs fixed.

The recently established Austro-Hungarian Consulate on Praya East and the other consulates are all to be illuminated as well. In fact, the Gaslight Co. is so busy that orders should be sent in at once to avoid disappointment.

THE *Strait Times* pays a graceful compliment to Hongkong in its issue of the 5th instant as follows:—It is the custom, perhaps a very natural custom, for one colony to say on occasions, "Ah, how much better this is done at Somewhere-Else!" Hongkong made that ejaculation when it was found, a good time ago, that Singapore was first in the field with suggestions for a permanent memorial of the Queen's Reign. The boat is now on the other leg. Though we were first in the matter of suggestion, Hongkong is a long way ahead of us in performance. Already, I see, they have collected about \$40,000 for the worthy object; they have in view, while we have not made a start towards collecting the necessary sum. We are haggling over details, while others are leaving details to take care of themselves until the scheme takes a practical shape. In matters of subscription there is nothing like striking while the iron is hot, as you, Sir, have more than once demonstrated. The big bat ought to be at once got round.

THE *Army and Navy Illustrated* for May 14th, to hand by to-day's mail, should prove of special interest to Hongkong natives, devoting, as it does, two pages to photographs of the local Volunteer Corps. The first picture "Reading order to a relieving sentry" shows two gentlemen and a corporal. One of the gentlemen, we believe, is a press confidant, Mr. G. T. Crook. Below this is a group of officers, consisting of Major Pemberton, Capt. Gordon, R.A. (adjutant) and Lieut. Macdonald. A third picture gives a view that was taken at the last camp at Stonewetter's and among the spectators one has no difficulty in "spotting" several well-known people. Other views are of "the main guard turned out" and the non-coms of the Corps. These are very fine pictures and amongst the prominent figures are Sergeant (now Lieut.) Wylie, and Sergeant Fitts Lammer. The pictures are decidedly good and interesting and they are accompanied by some well written letter press regarding the corps and the colony, and an adequate record of praise is given "our own" for their smart appearance.

THE members of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps held a meeting yesterday afternoon at headquarters for the purpose of electing a Recreation Committee. There was a good attendance, and in the absence, through indisposition, of Major Sir J. W. Carrington, Captain Chapman presided. A strong committee having 11 men formed, the Chairman said he was requested by the meeting to take the feeling of the meeting regarding the draught of the guns to "Happy Valley" for the Jubilee Review. It was decided by a majority of one that coolies should be employed for the purpose instead of the volunteers drawing the pieces. It was unanimously decided to agree with a wish expressed by Major-General Black that the corps should line the central aisle at the commemorative service in St. John's Cathedral. It was also unanimously agreed to accept the services of a pipe band to march the Corps to the Happy Valley on Jubilee Day. A meeting of the Recreation Committee was held afterwards, when Sub-Committees were appointed to arrange for tennis, bowls, cricket, football, swimming, and water polo. Members of the Corps who wish to join the Recreation Club should send in their names to General G. T. Crook, hon. Secretary, Headquarters. The second subscription was fixed at 5s.

News has been received from Formosa to the effect that the cable connecting the island with the mainland of Japan was completed on the 31st ult. and is now in use for Government telegrams. It will not be opened to the public until the 15th inst. The rates will be the same as at present for messages between local points in the island, viz., five cents per word. At this charge there would be a large saving if all China telegrams destined for Japan were sent via Formosa. To do this it might be necessary to address to Formosa and have them re-wired from there.

GERMANY will be represented at the great naval review at Spithead on the 16th instant by the battleship *König Wilhelm*, commanded by Prince Henry of Prussia, and the United States, by the cruiser *Brooklyn*, flying the flag of Admiral Milne. France, Italy, Austria, and Spain have also notified their intention to send warships. But what about China? Could she not have a war-junk on exhibition or one of the Korean Government's second-hand steamers with a long-range gun on the bow and another towing over the stern? Anything would be better than nothing and it would be an indication of the good will of Great Britain.

THE Royal Asiatic Society has determined, as a means of commemorating Her Majesty's long reign, to found a gold medal for distinguished Oriental scholars.

ONE FOR BALDIE!—Here 'yare, ladies and gents, splendid view of the planet Mars. One penny, mum." *Old Lady*: "Oh for! Ain't it round and smooth?" *Telephone Man*: "Will the bald-headed gent please ter stop away from their front of the instrument?"

THE following appointments, with effect from the 1st January last, have been gazetted in the Straits Settlement. Mr. J. T. Leach, M.R.C.M., to be Colonial Surgeon Resident, Singapore. Mr. G. D. Freer, M.R.C.S., to be Colonial Surgeon Resident, Penang. Mr. F. Cochrane, M.B., Ch.B., to be Colonial Surgeon, Malacca. Mr. B. Clifton acts temporarily as Assistant Protector of Chinese, Singapore.

It is (says the *Times*) understood that the Eastern Telegraph Company desire to re-erect the cablegram respecting the Japanese raid which passed between Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Kato, and that, in assuming this attitude, they take their stand upon the provisions of the International Telegraph Convention. The first business, therefore, for the British South Africa Committee will be to determine whether steps shall be taken to enforce their demand.

THE torpedo-boat destroyer *Slow*, built at Palmer's yard, had a successful trial on April 22nd, reaching an average speed of 30.163 knots per hour. The requirements were 6,000 horsepower, speed 30 knots and a coal consumption of 25 pounds per horsepower per hour. For every one-tenth of a pound in excess of 25 pounds the boat was to carry a ten ton extra load and still attain a speed of 30 knots. The trial gave data within the requirements and the builders were not put to the fulfillment of default alternatives.

THE delayed M.M. *Yarra* was to leave Singapore on Friday, the 4th inst. at 10 a.m. She left Shanghai five days late, and left Saigon on the 2nd at 2 p.m., and will leave Singapore only three days late. The very fast steamer *Pollux* will take the *Yarra's* mail at Colombo; and it is thought that the mail will be delivered in London within twenty days at the most, twenty days from Singapore. If so, and allowing twenty-four days for the mail by the *Prins Hendrik*, the *Yarra's* mail may be only one day behind that sent by the *Prins Hendrik*.

THE reports published some week ago in the French Press concerning the capture of the Boche African explorer's expedition are now, happily, confirmed. It appears that all the members of the expedition, composed of five or six Italians, including a naval lieutenant and a sergeant of the Italian army and some 200 Askaris, have fallen victims to native tribes. Details of the disaster are still lacking, but the authorities have evidently found it impossible longer to conceal the fact of the massacre. On April 23rd a force of Italians, with some Askaris of Massowah, marched into the Wadan country for the purpose of chastising the Somalis who murdered Signor Cecchi, the Italian Consul at Zanzibar, and a number of officers. The Italians burned Laibice and two other villages, killing 50 Somalis and wounding about 100. Both the Somalis who killed Signor Cecchi were found among the dead.

RAUBS.

SINGAPORE, June 4th.

The almost indecent interest that people are taking in the health of Mr. W. Bibby, manager of the Raub mines, is a sign of the feverish nature of the present gamble in Raub. It is a gamble. During 1894, 1895, and 1896, there shires fluctuated for most of the time at prices of from four to five dollars each, but at the end of 1896 they crept up to about nine dollars each. The explanation of that rise was an increase in the yield of gold per ton, an increase that began in the October crushing. By January, probably, for the first time, the shares rose to eleven dollars in March of this year—and, so far, no harm was done. From that date, the time of stock-jobbing probably commenced. Keen and astute persons foresaw that the time was favourable for a "boom." Money was cheap. The community—a rapidly changing community—had forgotten its losses in the mining booms of the past. Things, in a word, were ripe for a boom; and the boom was engineered.

It has been astutely engineered. The manipulations of the market built up a vision of "wealth beyond the dreams of avarice." People were told that they should "invest for their grand-children" and that investing phrase in their minds, men rushed to buy in the real hope of a rapid profit to be realized in a few weeks. The gamble went on until, this week, the contributory shares were sold at \$29.70 for cash and \$34 for delivery in July. Then, Mr. Bibby had an attack of fever or indigestion, or both, and "the investors for their grand-children" rushed to realize their profits.

Now, we say nothing against the Raub mine. Neither do we say anything in its favour. Nothing has happened to the mine of late. The change has been in the market, and the market has been manipulated for a rise. The buyers have behaved as men behave in games they do not understand. In this office, only two days ago, an industrious and sober Raub shareholder, who was tempted to buy some because of suspicion of what seemed odd conduct in his broker—and, yet, a few days later, he bought the same shares at eight dollars a share higher. The broker, or a broker, had the profit. That sort of thing has been going on. "The man with some money to spare" has been made the sport of the share-jobber; and so he will be always while he gambles. People are talking of Raub when they should be attending to their business, and are dreaming of shares while they should be wiser to present their shares to the Queen's Memorial Fund and sleep peacefully at night.—*Straits Times*.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE LOANS.

LONDON, May 13th.

A preliminary contract for a loan of £16,000,000 to the Chinese Government was signed at Peking (telegram) signed in Peking today on behalf of a British syndicate. The *Times* in its money article to-day says: "The report that the Chinese Government has arranged for a loan of £16,000,000 was a good deal discussed. Nothing is known of the alleged contract in quarters which are usually best informed on Chinese finance, but it is admitted that the report may possibly be true, though it is not easy to understand why a loan of such a large amount should be arranged now, as all instalments of the war indemnity are provided for up to the end of the year. Moreover, though a considerable part of the Customs revenue is still unpaid, the sum available is not large enough to provide for a loan of this magnitude."

Arrangements have been completed by a Japanese loan for £4,000,000 (40,000,000 yen). The loan will be issued jointly by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, and the Capital and Counties Bank (Ltd.). According to the *Times* the price will probably be at 101½.—*Herald News*.

